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In re Application of:

Napolitano et al.

Examiner: Unassigned

Serial No.: Unassigned

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For: DIAGNOSTIC ULTRASOUND  
IMAGING METHOD AND SYSTEM  
WITH IMPROVED FRAME RATE

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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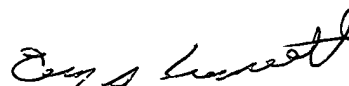
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This application is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 10/081,978, filed February 21, 2002 and is relied upon for an earlier filing dated under 35 U.S.C. § 120. In accordance with Rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) only copies of documents not previously cited and submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in the prior application Serial No. 10/081,978 are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. A copy of the allowed claims in 10/081,978 are also enclosed for consideration by the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,



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EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	A1	4,561,019	12/25/85	Lizzi et al.		
	A2	4,886,069	12/12/89	O'Donnell		
	A3	4,887,306	12/12/89	Hwang et al.		
	A4	4,893,283	01/09/90	Pesque		
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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	A22	EP 0 770 352 A1	05/02/97	EPO		

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)	
	A23	"Coded Excitation for Harmonics Imaging," Y. Takeuchi, 1996, IEEE UTS Symp. p. 1433-1436.

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